

# Introductions

One easy way to write the introduction for an argument or opinion essay is to write THREE sentences:

**two** about the topic

**one** thesis sentence

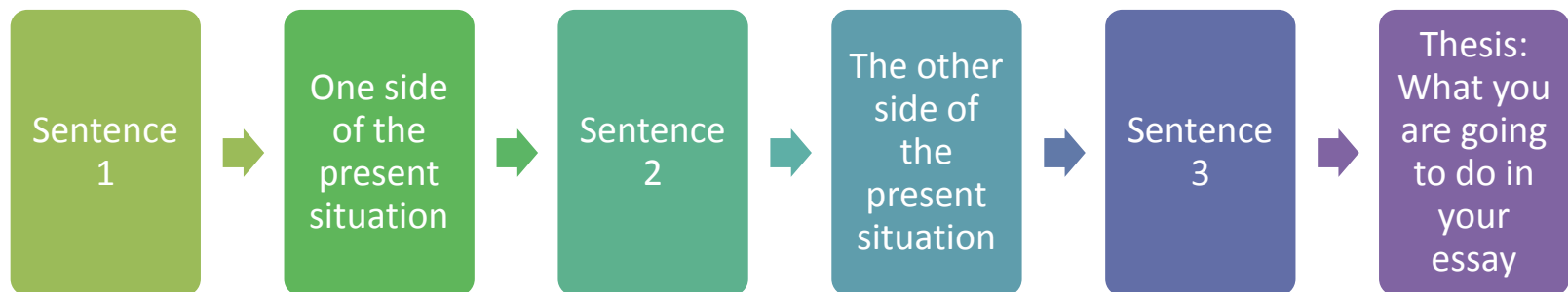
You can write either Situation or Opinion introductions. There's not much difference between them.

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# Situation Introductions

Write two sentences to describe the **two sides of the present situation**. The third sentence - the Thesis sentence - will describe what you are going to do in your essay.



# Example 1

***Who should take care of our old people?***

Sentence 1

In my country, most old people live happily with their children.

Sentence 2

Increasingly however, many families cannot take care of their parents

Sentence 3 (Thesis)

This essay will describe some of the problems involved with taking care of old people, and discuss who should be responsible.

# Example 2

***Does Aid to Poor Countries Work?***

Sentence(s) 1

For the last fifty years, poor countries have been receiving huge sums of money from rich donor countries.

Sentence 2

Some of this money has improved lives, while much of it has disappeared or made no difference.

Sentence 3 (Thesis)

In this essay, I will discuss some arguments for and against foreign aid.

# Example 3

***Should dangerous sports be banned?***

Sentence 1

Every year, thousands of people are injured or killed in sports such as boxing or motor-racing.

Sentence 2

Because of this, many people are opposed to such sports, and want them to be stopped or controlled.

Sentence 3 (Thesis)

This essay will look at some of the arguments for and against banning dangerous sports.

# Opinion Introductions

In this kind you give two opposite opinions in the first two sentences. The third sentence says what you are going to do.

# Example 1

***Does space exploration benefit mankind?***

Sentence For

Many people are excited about space exploration.

Sentence Against

However, others feel it is a massive waste of money

Sentence 3 (Thesis)

This essay will look at some of the arguments for and against space exploration.

# Example 2

***Does space exploration benefit mankind?***

Sentence For

Space, for many people, really is the final frontier. They are excited by the exploration and potential of space.

Sentence Against

However, not everyone agrees that this money is well-spent. Many people feel that we should solve problems here on earth before beginning our journey to space

Sentence 3 (Thesis)

This essay will look at some of the arguments for and against space exploration.



# Example 3

***Do Athletes Deserve Their High Salaries?***

Sentence(s) 1

Everyday, we read about new record contracts and salaries earned by sportsmen and women.  
Some people do not agree with these huge payments

Sentence 2

Others believe that our sports heroes deserve every penny.

Sentence 3 (Thesis)

This essay will look at some of the arguments for and against the high salaries of athletes.